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New bill draft proposes an additional five feet of protection for mounds

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The controversy over the protection of Native American effigy mounds continued at the capitol earlier this month. The study committee on the preservation of burial sites met there in a public forum on Dec. 8 to discuss a new bill draft that many members hope will move through to the legislature and receive a vote in the Assembly.

"We all want to come out of here with a measure that we're all comfortable with," said Ho-Chunk Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Bill Quackenbush. "And that's a really great thing."

The meeting was the last in a series of five forums on the topic.

"This is our fifth and final meeting," said Rep. Amy Loudenberg (R)-Clinton. "And hopefully, we (will) get to the point where we have something that we can feel good about advancing to the legislature."

Conversation focused mainly on the bill draft itself, which would mandate a 10-foot buffer zone around every cataloged effigy mound. That would double the distance of the current, five-foot buffer

zone.

Tribal members on the committee lobbied for even greater protection, having suggested a 15- to 25-foot buffer zone in previous meetings. But they appeared appreciative of any addition to the area in question.

"I appreciate that," said Quackenbush. "It's really nice to have."

The bill would also include a provision stipulating that the Historical Society submits an annual report to the legislature about the activities of its Burial Sites Preservation Board.

"The society already makes an annual report to the legislature," said committee member Conrad Goodkind. "And that's something they can certainly include."

In years past, however, the annual report did not always include information about issues relating to burial sites. Therefore, the change would ensure that the legislature consider burial-mound matters every year instead of once every couple decades.

"I think it's a good idea," said committee member and former archaeologist William Green. "It helps with transparency."

Both prospective changes would afford more protection for Native American effigy mounds. Perhaps more important than those triumphs, though, are the dangers that were averted in other areas of discussion.

For committee members representing the interests of landowners once again fought for the right to contest the presumption of human remains in previously-cataloged burial sites.

"I'm a passionate believer that we need to find evidence of human remains," said committee member Robert Shea. "Somewhere along the line in this process, we have to answer the question whether or not we truly have human remains at a particular site."

Some Native Americans indicated different beliefs.

"(Boring) would be desecration of burial sites," said Menominee tribal member David Grignon. "No invasive action should be done."

Members of the legislature tend to agree with Grignon's opinion. One of these members is 81st Assembly District Rep. Dave Considine.

"In the process of (boring)," Considine said, "we've desecrated a sacred site. Either way, we've desecrated a sacred site."

But proponents of boring argue that the process would be "minimally-invasive." In other words, they believe that the testing can be done in a relatively noninvasive manner.

"We're not talking about complete desecration of a site," committee member Justin Oeth said, "but very minimally-invasive (testing)."

Yet according to Quack-



Ho-Chunk's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Bill Quackenbush discusses legal matters with fellow committee member Robert Shea.

enbush, minimally-invasive testing does not exist. Any probing into a burial mound would result in some degree of desecration, he contends.

"You keep referring back about these 'minimally-invasive' processes," Quackenbush said. "Well there's not a 'minimal' process. Once you adversely affect a burial site, you're adversely affecting the burial site."

As a former archaeologist, public member Green asserted that testing is not even necessary. By definition, he highlighted, effigy mounds are gravesites.

"Indian mounds are grave markers," Green said. "So I think that subsequent part of whether human remains can actually be physically verified within an Indian mound is kind of moot – because the Indian mound, according to definition here, is a grave marker."

Sen. Jon Erpenbach (D)-Middleton agreed.

"You start on the premise that mounds do – in fact – contain human remains," Erpenbach said. "The majority of the members felt very strongly that mounds do contain remains."

Rep. Considine supported the senator's framework for thinking.

"If it was a site that was recognized as a burial site," Considine said, "that was a sacred site – whether it had

remains in it or not. And I think we need to get back to that framing."

The discussion ultimately ended when members agreed that the matter had already been settled.

"The majority of the committee was not in favor of any invasive testing," said Rep. Robert Brooks. "I think that was the consensus."

Landowner interests would be advanced in an area of the draft that relates to the cataloging process. If

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Committee chair Rep. Amy Loudenberg (R)-Clinton and vice chair Rep. Robert Brooks lead the day's discussion at the capitol.

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Change is certain as the new year approaches

Marlon WhiteEagle
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As 2016 concludes and 2017 begins, change is certain as the new year approaches the Ho-Chunk Nation. We'll be seeing the opening of community centers, casino and hotel expansion projects, and seats on the legislature and judiciary. We may even see some re-districting.

Many people fear change. Change means we'll lose old ways of doing things we've done time and time again.

For Ho-Chunk people, this may be harder for us to deal with than most Americans. The Ho-Chunk people and culture have persisted for Ice Ages based on not changing and sticking to disciplined teaching and practices.

Change can be a result of leadership. Now, whether that leadership is good or bad is up to each individual's perspective. But we should all recognize that change requires courage to take the first step.

You would think the Nation, as a whole, would be interested in reaching common goals? Like achieving no homelessness and hunger, higher high school and college graduation rates, low unemployment, greater life expectancy and health care availability for all.

Recently, I've noticed a dichotomy within the Ho-Chunk

Nation. That's a division is between elected officials, or government leaders, and tribal members.

Dichotomy exists when two groups oppose each other's priorities.

Candidates for office take courageous steps to put their name and abilities out for public scrutiny in general elections. They want to represent their neighbors, community, and district to address the existing problems faced by all.

Tribal members are the fabric of the nation. They attend area and general council meetings, vote in elections and voice their concerns or stand in agreement with policy changes brought forward by the General Council.

How best to invest our time and resources is the divisive element. Where the money goes and who gets the money matters to all.

The representatives work daily to direct time, energy, and money at the perceived issues. Providing active concern and listening are the keys to good leadership - making decisions and then standing by them after all the information is gathered and accessed.

Tribal members face the reality of good and bad leadership. They voice the concern and shared thought that run

through each family, community, and district. They are who should be heard and listened to. They have the valuable information needed to make important decisions.

That being said, you can't help but wonder why a dichotomy would exist.

Well, we do have 160 plus General Council resolutions that haven't been acted upon. They seem to be the sore and throbbing thumb of the nation's dichotomous hand.

I think if those resolutions were followed through with, and future resolutions were implemented in a timely manner, the dichotomy would cease to exist.

We are all the members of the same nation. But it seems once elected, people sometimes lose sight of the original reason they ran for office. Do we want to be Jedi knights fighting for the people? Or do we want some among us to join the Galactic Empire?

Looking forward to the upcoming changes, community centers will provide a place for communities to meet and socialize. But how many centers are too much?

The original intent of branch offices were provide meeting places with external guests to conduct tribal business. Today, branch offices are more of a communication

hub for tribal members to get services.

The casino and hotel expansion projects are highly debatable. Some believe the \$150 million projects are a result of neglect of annual projects that fell by the wayside.

I was in a legislative meeting nearly 10 years ago where they were to get an update on a bowling alley that was to be built at Majestic Pines Casino. The money was available for its construction. That effort appears to be a complete failure.

Our next election cycle will usher in change among the ranks of the legislature and judiciary. These candidates must know our laws, codes, and ordinances inside out and backwards. They must know how to improve the existing and what avenues to work in our favor internally and externally.

That's not always the case, but knowing how to protect our interests can be of big service to all.

The redistricting is supposed to occur every 10 years, starting in 1995, so 2015 would have been the second round of this effort.

Being raised in the Wisconsin Dells area, redistricting didn't make much sense after it broke up the villages I grew up in. Not one of the sce-

narios keep Indian Heights, Christmas Mountain, and Ho-Chunk Village together. This always seemed like a political move to get more votes in a desired area.

I feel redistricting should break up District 5 into districts 5, 6, 7, and maybe 8. It seems California, with 260 tribal members, could possibly be district all by itself. That's more than entire East Coast and some of the Midwest.

Interestingly enough, the redistricting section of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution conflicts the Powers Retained by the General Council.

The redistricting section attempts to strip the General Council from its power to reverse action of the Legislature by saying, "which shall not be reversible by the General Council."

Only thing the General Council can't do is address the hiring or firing of personnel.

If redistricting is only a political ploy to create more legislative seats, let's vote it out.

Change is certain, but we have to power to make it align with our personal constitution. We have to accept change and move forward in a positive manner. We must work to fulfill our personal and Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

Thanks

A word of thanks to the people of the Ho Chunk Nation for making possible my transition from the Milwaukee area over 2 years ago, first to the Tomah area then a year later to the Black River Falls area. Thank you to my sister Maria Blackhawk McCabe for talking me into making the change in my life. It's the best thing that could've ever happened. I love you sister. A special thanks to my co-workers at the HCN DNR who played a big part in that as well. I am grateful for the opportunities that I have been given to learn from my fellow co-workers in the DNR Department. Big thank you to Greg Blick - you have made

a big difference in the Nation with your tree knowledge and work ethic. I appreciate your dedication to making that difference the Nation needs. I especially appreciate the opportunities to become Certified in Wildland fire fighting, to become educated in chain saw operation & safety, the operation of more heavy equipment, CPR and even arborist training. I love being a part of the team responsible for the up keep of our Nation's properties. Learning more things about the Nation that I didn't know from the people I have come to know. I am glad to be a part of the Ho Chunk Nation work force. The biggest part for me is making a difference

for the Nation and our youth. Thank you to all the people that made the opportunities possible that I have been given with the Nation, that means down to the people with even the smallest role.... What I mean is everyone matters in my circle of life. Remember, change is good for the circle of life. I would also like to share with the Nation some of my joy My life's circle is growing bigger with my girlfriend Robin and our soon to be born daughter Roselynn Reiss Blackhawk. Thank you creator for the many blessings you have given me.

Reiss Blackhawk

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"Don't eat squirrel when you are pregnant, otherwise your baby will pinch."



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BRMH will not raise rates in 2017

Submitted by Amy Yaeger, Black River Memorial Hospital

Serving the community is very important to the mission of Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH). Hospital leadership wants to be a part of the solution in making healthcare affordable. To that end, BRMH will not raise rates for all services provided by the hospital in 2017. BRMH is one of only three hospitals in the state to not

increase rates in 2017 according to the Wisconsin Hospital Association’s Information Center. The average rate increase in 2016 for hospitals was 3.8%.

Matthew Streeter, CFO for BRMH, stated, “Affordable, high quality care is important to the people of Jackson County. Our customer service is excellent and will not waiver with a zero rate increase. We will continue to be a top performing hospital

with effective management of our resources, time and talent. Our customers expect nothing less.”

Black River Memorial Hospital serves over 20,000 patients each year by offering emergency, surgical, OB, diagnostic, rehabilitation, respiratory, home-based services and more. Being the only hospital in the county, providing the care needed and remaining sustainable are very important to the health and well-being

of Jackson County.

Streeter said, “For employers who provide self-funded insurance, this means a zero increase in cost for those who seek care locally. We hope in the future, that employers who are fully funded will see a reduction in premiums for their employees.”

Hospitals must report changes in revenue related to price increases per state law. This information is public and can be found on the Wis-

consin Hospital Association website. (www.whainfocenter.com/consumers/hospital-rate-increases)

Black River Memorial Hospital is a modern and progressive rural hospital. Through excellent patient and employee satisfaction scores and a growing list of national awards, in addition to controlling costs, Black River Memorial Hospital is a great partner in receiving and giving care

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New bill draft

passed, the new law would allow landowners to contest the decision to catalog their property before the Historical Society actually goes ahead and catalogs it.

“It provides a procedure – before a site is cataloged – for a person to contest that cataloging decision,” said Senior Staff Attorney Anna Henning. “The director is required to provide a notice regarding an intent to catalog. And that notice must be provided at least 30 days prior to cataloging.”

The procedure would afford landowners the right to present their own evidence contesting the decision to catalog. However, tribal members made sure that such evidence could not include any kind of testing for human remains.

“We all agreed,” Grignon said, “that (invasive testing) should not be done.”

During the appeal process, the land in question would still be subject to the restrictions placed on catalogued burial sites. This would guarantee that the land remains protected throughout the entire legal process, and that landowners could not circumvent those restrictions by simply applying for authorization to disturb an “uncatalogued” burial site prior to the hearing.

“The relatively more-permissive procedures of the uncatalogued disturbance approval,” Henning said, “would not be available to an owner of a site while these proceedings to contest a cataloging decision were pending.”

A provision beneficial to

both parties can also be found in a section of the bill that addresses disclosure practices. Currently, state statutes do not require sellers to disclose that an uncatalogued burial site sits on their property. This bill would change that.

“The bill requires that an owner of real property that includes one to four dwelling units disclose to a prospective buyer whether the owner is aware of one or more burial sites on the property,” the draft reads. “The bill adds this disclosure as a mandatory component of the ‘Real Estate Condition Report’ used in residential real estate transactions. The bill directs the prospective buyer to contact WHS for further information regarding the presence, preservation, and potential disturbance of burial sites.”

In other words, homebuyers would no longer be left in the dark. Hopefully, that would prevent issues from arising during planned renovation projects – as every homebuyer would be apprised of a burial site on his or her property.

So one could argue that Native America came out ahead on this one. And without the tribal members who sat on the study committee, representing the interest of Native American tribes, this might not have been the case. Undoubtedly, the proposal would have looked a little different and may not have been so protective of the effigy mounds.

“We have a lot of other tribal representation here,” said Quackenbush. “So it’s really

nice to have all this traditional knowledge and thought sitting here.”

The draft presented on that day passed through the study committee with a vote of 9-3. Had the study committee’s decision been unanimous, the bill would have been much more likely to get passed by the legislature

“Legislative Council topics are usually things that are not necessarily unanimous,” Loudeneck said, “one way or the other.”

Changes to the draft were mailed out in the form of a ballot, on which committee members will vote again. Thus, the tally could change.

Then the bill might have a stronger chance of passing through the legislature.

Regardless of the outcome, though, Native Americans can celebrate the fact that their voice is finally being heard at one of the highest levels of state government.

“It’s better than where we were at (before),” said Brooks. “I think we can agree with that.”

Now, our state government takes tribes into consideration before enacting legislation. So over the last century, the intergovernmental relationship has improved by leaps and bounds. That’s surely something to be celebrated.

“Maybe it doesn’t go as far as we like,” Brooks said, “but I think it’s a good process.”

If Legislative Council approves it, then the bill could be presented to the legislature as soon as January – when the next legislative session begins. The committee chair feels optimistic about its chances in the Assembly.

“I think we’ve got some good proposals,” Loudeneck said, “in the next session.”

Until the bill reaches the legislature, though, Native America will just have to cross its fingers in the hope of taking another step closer to fair and equal treatment under the law.

Elder Workers gather for Christmas cheer



Members of the Elder Worker Program gather for a Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 22, in the Tribal Office Building. Present for the observance are (front row, from left) Berna Bigthunder, Sid Lewis, Cecelia Rave, Christine Funmaker, Rowland Rave, Richard Snake, Amelia Ortiz, (middle row) Elva Brown, Gladys Ebata, Lona Decorah, Nettie Kingsley, Jean Stacy, Arlene Shegonee, Connie Lonetree, Mary Taylor, Hope Smith, (back row) Roz Falcon, Adrienne Thunder, Sherman Funmaker, Levi Thunder, Cheri Snake, Francis Decorah, and Larry Littlegeorge.



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Madison activists march through the streets, protest at Army Corps of Engineers

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The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) project has garnered international attention. People all around the globe have been speaking out and taking action against Dakota Access and its parent company, Energy Transfer Partners (ETP). To make their own voices heard, Madison residents joined the outcry in a Dec. 2 protest at the Army Corps of Engineers building on D'onofrio Dr.

“Our goal was to come to the Army Corps of Engineers and deliver a message directly to them,” coordinator Carl Sack said, “because the Army Corps of Engineers is the federal agency that is responsible for the permits for the Dakota Access Pipeline project. And they have really botched the

consultation that's required by federal policy with Indian tribes – with the Sioux tribes, the Standing Rock tribe, and every tribe that's downstream of that pipeline.”

The protest began the Army Corps of Engineers, where protestors attempted to enter the building in order to deliver the agency a strongly-worded message.

"We attempted to enter the building," Sack said, "to speak to staff there and deliver a statement which we were going to ask them to forward onto Colonel John Henderson of the Omaha District – who is responsible for the permits around this project and for writing the letter evicting the water protectors."

Unfortunately, the protestors were stopped from delivering that message within

the walls of the Army Corps. However, that did not stop the group from voicing their thoughts.

“A security guard came out and prevented us from entering,” Sack said. “So we read the statement outside.”

From there, the group moved on to two financial institutions that are funding the project.

"We marched over to the corner of High Point and Gammon," Sack said, "where there's a US Bank and a Wells Fargo right next to each other."

Fortunately, the activists had a little bit better luck at the bank than they did at the Army Corps building.

“We were able to enter the US Bank,” Sack said. “We were able to go in and read our statement, and deliver it to a manager at that bank.”

Then the long arm of the law reached out to stop Sack and his group of supporters. A member of the Madison Police Department told them that they would not be allowed to enter Wells Fargo together.

“We were informed by the police that we could not go in as a group,” Sack said. “But a branch manager came out and accepted our statement.”

After chants of “Mni Wiconi” in the parking lot, the group then rendezvoused at the Army Corps of Engineers again to celebrate their success in showing its opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

"I think we really got the



Carl Sack (left) addresses his group of supporters after the night's action.



The cold did not stop protestors from supporting the cause.



Sign-bearers march down busy Gammon Rd.

message out there,” Sack said, “that Madison stands with Standing Rock.”

The event received attention from local media outlets, including two major news networks. And in footage from their original appearance outside the Army Corps building, some supporters even saw themselves on television at the US Bank –

"We had media coverage from two different TV stations," Sack said. "And hundreds of people saw us as we were marching down busy, Madison west-side streets at the height of rush hour."

The effort ultimately proved successful as, just two days later, the Army Corps of Engineers denied the final ease-

ment needed to complete the pipeline and drill under Lake Oahe. So for now, the project has been killed. But things could change with the new presidency looming ahead. We will just have to wait for the new year, and the new president, to see.

HCG-BRF present check to VFW Unmet Needs Program



Tris Harris , Senior Manager-Public Relations, HCG-BRF

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls presented Mike DeRosa a check December 14th for \$3,000 to go towards the VFW Unmet Needs Program.

This is the 8th year Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls has supported the Unmet Needs Program, which provides immediate financial help to the local families of deployed military service members of up to \$2,500. They help with car payments,

electric bills, vehicle repairs, home repairs and most of their funds go towards rent and mortgage payments. If you are or know of a deployed service member's family in need of immediate help or are a member of the military who has been discharged since 9/11/01, go online to <http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds/> where you can request it.

All funds raised in Wisconsin stay in Wisconsin to help our local military families when they experience financial difficulties. Back in 2007, Mike DeRosa, owner of sev-

eral Burger King locations, saw a need to raise funds for the Unmet Needs program. Since then, Burger King has raised over \$3.8 million. Just this year, \$18,000 has been raised plus approximately \$21,000 from special community contributions including \$3,000 donated every year by Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls.

There are over 1,000 Burger King locations around the United States that support the VFW Unmet Needs program. Go to www.vfw.org for details on eligibility and application.

LEAF's educational mission continues

Submitted by Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF), Executive Director

Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) has received grant funding to develop a series of portable suitcase exhibits that showcase art of Wisconsin's Native American/First Nations people. The first set of portable exhibits, entitled "Bead Art: Native Style" will develop and promote a foundation for artistic understanding of the traditional and contemporary Native American art form of beadwork. All portable kits will accommodate K - 12 learners and adults. Each suitcase will contain a variety of historically significant beaded objects in sturdy, self-contained boxes as well as objects that can be closely examined and held using cotton gloves similar to those used by museum curators. The teachers guide will emphasize Wisconsin Education Act 31 and the Wisconsin and National art standards, and resources will include photographs of traditional and contemporary beaded objects, a list of additional print and online resources, and hands-on project lesson plans. Bead art objects from the Roger and Bernadine Little Eagle Tallmadge Memorial Art Collection as well as contemporary pieces from Native bead and quill artists from the 11 tribes of Wisconsin will be integrated into each suitcase exhibit. Exhibit curators include Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, LEAF Director and former Education Specialist at The Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona and Rob Nurre, Man Mound landscape historian and Chazen Museum exhibit preparator in Madison. According to Nurre, "We've put together a really good outline and direction for the project and I'm pleased to be a part of it." This project is a collaborative effort with the Sauk County Historical Society and is supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the generous support of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin.

2016 Year in review

January

Secretarial Election results bring change to Constitution

The Secretarial Election Board appointed by the legislature met the evening of Tuesday, January 26. Secretarial Election Chairperson Marion K. Duffy and board members Henning Garvin, Tara Swallow, Ryan Greendeer, and Melissa Olvera were present to count and certify official election results.

Amendment A would remove the Secretary of the Interior approval and secretarial election requirement from the process of amending the Constitution.

Graceful moves: Dance business is expression of Talyn’s love for God

Talyn McKinley had no desire to teach dance.

In fact, she refused to do so, even after many people requested her to teach them the moves. But finally she relented.

Talyn is the daughter of Scott and Sherry McKinley, and sister to Ashley, Chris and Dylan.

And now it is her fulltime job, having opened a professional dance business in Eau Claire. Tayln opened “First Position,” her own dance company at 2813 East Hamilton, last August.

The road to her success has been a long one, full of roadblocks and potholes, and many questions about whether she was going in the right direction. But, through it all, she has endured and allowed God to make the decisions for her.



Sherry (left) has been Talyn’s moral supporter through the ups and downs of developing her dance instruction business.

Marathon veteran gathers inspiration to repeat Honolulu run

Quincy Garvin remembers being on the first marathon team organized by Erwin Begay when she was 13. Now, she has begun to set her sights to repeat the run. The run is a rigorous 26.2 mile marathon held annually in Honolulu.

Quincy began cross-training workouts this January and will continue them for the next two months.

Her current training includes cycling, swimming, weight lifting, and walking with conditioning and strengthening her body as her main priority.

At the end of March, Quincy hopes to be finishing 6 to 10 mile runs and by late fall extending her test runs to 16 to 22 miles.

Supporters rally to save the mounds at the Capitol

Hundreds gathered on the west side steps of the capitol Tuesday, January 12 to rally against Assembly Bill 620 (AB 620). Introduced and referred to the Committee on Environment and Forestry on December 29, AB 620 would allow property owners to challenge the existence of human remains at burial sites on



Demonstrators on the west side steps of the Capitol.

their lands. Effigy mounds throughout the state that have been catalogued and hold the protection of the Wisconsin Historical Society would also be at stake with the new legislation.

One of many tribal members that opted to be shuttled in by bus was Jarrod Greengrass. Greengrass came to the rally on Lamers’ Milwaukee route with a busload of twenty people.

Showing the best: Brittany makes dogs her passion at home and in the show ring

What started out as a fear began a passion – a love so strong that it has fully enveloped Brittany Greendeer’s life.

Brittany used to be afraid of dogs, but three years ago that all changed.

Not only does she love dogs, they are her entire life, during her days and even when she sleeps. She loves her dogs so much, one of her dogs, Rhea, sleeps in her bed with her, often sleeping with her head on Brittany’s neck.

Brittany is the daughter of Jon Greendeer and Stacy Sieber.

Her boyfriend got a puppy and that experience has changed her life forever. Now, her passion to be with dogs, work with dogs, and show dogs is the most important aspects of her life.

February

Isham emphasizes dialogue between tribes and state during ‘State of Tribes’ address

Stereotypes, misconceptions and myths about tribes in Wisconsin still persist to this day. And those misunderstanding get in the way of protecting what is



The State of the Tribes address was given before a full assembly chambers, including state representatives and senators, tribal representatives and members of the public.

culturally and intrinsically important to Native Americans within the state.

That message was the main theme of the annual State of the Tribes address on Tuesday, February 16, at the state Capitol in Madison.

Michael “Mic” Isham Jr., chairman of the of the

Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) band, one of six Ojibwe bands in Wisconsin, gave the address in the assembly chambers in front of an audience of lawmakers and Native American representatives and members. Wisconsin has held a State of the Tribes address every year since 2005.

Ho-Chunk tradition threatened because of invasive species

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources (DNR) met with basket makers and pounders to discuss the fate of healthy black ash trees suitable for basket making.

The concern comes after the discovery and growing population of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

The EAB is an invasive species not found in North America, rather, it is from areas such as Asia, East Russia, and Japan.

Dauids to receive ‘Rising Star Award’ for public service

Sharice Dauids has been selected to receive the prestigious Rising Star Award from Cornell Law University.

Dauids is a 2010 graduate of Cornell in Ithaca, New York.

“Each year they give out awards from Cornell graduates who perform public service, such as pro bono (free) work to the public,” Dauids said.

Two years ago Dauids was nominated for the award, but the awards committee said she has performed wonderful service, they were not willing to give the award to her until she has more experience.

Ryli Decorah shares her study abroad opportunity

Ryli Decorah spent her junior year studying abroad in Canterbury, England at the University of Kent.

Ryli is currently a senior and finishing her bachelor’s degree in art education and art history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

In the United Kingdom she traveled throughout Europe to destinations like Scotland, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, and Greece.

The making of a role model: Justice excels with the books and on the mat

Justice Blackhawk doesn’t see himself as anyone special. But to many people, he’s a good example for other Ho-Chunk youth.

Justice enjoys wrestling and football as a junior at Tomah High School.

“He is doing exceptionally well on the wrestling team,” said Courtney Funmaker-Dick, a family friend. “We went to Tomah’s Wrestling teams Parents night last night (January 28) and to watch this young man wrestle was such an awesome sight, he won his match and to see the whole crowd jump up and cheer for him. He is very talented and such a good role model to all young Ho-Chunk boys, even for my own son who is on his team.”



Student athlete Justice Blackhawk, a junior at Tomah High School, has been excelling both in sports and in academics, making his a good role model for Ho-Chunk youth.

March

An additional seven Ho-Chunk veterans approved as Code Talkers

Seven more Ho-Chunk veterans have been approved to be recognized as Code Talkers.

The Ho-Chunk Nation now officially has 14 World War II Veterans listed with the Department of Defense as Code Talkers.

The World War II veterans approved for the Code Talker designation are: Alvin Blackdeer, U.S. Navy; Donald Blackdeer, U.S. Army; Irvin Blackdeer, U.S. Army; George Green, KIA- U.S. Army; Donald Greengrass, U.S. Army; Adam Littlebear Jr., KIA-U.S. Army; and Alfred O. Stacy, U.S. Army.

Families of each of the veterans have been notified.

Martin takes center stage before national presidential debate

A few weeks ago, Arvina Martin had a vital role in helping shape the upcoming national presidential election in Wisconsin.

Martin, a Ho-Chunk member, gave a speech before the debate of Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton on February 11 at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Following that event, she spoken on Wisconsin Public Radio about politics and the presidential race.



Arvina Martin addresses the crowd before the Democratic presidential debate between candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

With the approach of spring, Road Division crew faces obstacles and challenges

When the weather gets warmer, incidents of vandalism increase.

Last spring, vandals did considerable damage in and around the Mission area of Black River Falls. A total of 10 roadway signs were removed or damaged on four separate occasions.

Officials of the Roads Program want people to know that defacing or removing signs can lead to serious consequences.

“This creates an extremely dangerous and hazardous situation” said Roads Division Director Garrett Blackdeer. “If a curve ahead or stop sign is removed and a motorist is unfamiliar with the area and driving down our roads, that person or persons could be seriously hurt or worse”.

April

Hoocak Academy graduates first class of Pathway Program students

On Monday, April 25, the Hoocak Academy celebrated the first class completion of students in its Pathway Program language class at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Students and Language Division staff shared a meal and presented recognition awards, language t-shirts and wristbands for the occasion.

The Pathway Program language class began on February 2 with a total of 20 students. The last class met on April 12 with 7 students making it through the entire course. The Pathway Program was a nine week course.

‘Take Back the Night’ spreads the message about sexual assault

Four tee shirts moved back and forth in the gentle breeze. Their messages of hurt and anguish were printed on their surfaces with ink, which seeped deeply into the fabric.

But there were other words as well – words of hope and healing, of sacrifice and renewal, were also exhibited, overcoming the words of so much pain. The gentle breeze carried those words into the wind, taking them to the air above, to be taken away and dispersed to beyond.

Those shirts were on display at the “Take Back the Night” event on Thursday, April 21, at the Lunda Park Shelter, provided by the girls from Bolton Refuge sexual assault group. They represented their thoughts and feelings about their ordeal directly afterward and how they felt about the ordeal moving forward.

Nekoosa schools bring in Ho-Chunk culture to enlighten the people

It began with an idea by an AmeriCorps volunteer to connect the Ho-Chunk people and culture with non-natives.

It grew into an event called “Nekoosa Culture Event 2016,” a program that brought Ho-Chunk identity for everyone to experience.

That event was held on Monday, April 11, at Alexander Middle School during school hours and at the Nekoosa High School that evening.

Sky Hopinkah awarded Most Promising Filmmaker at Ann Arbor Film Festival

Sky Hopinkah and his film Jaaji Approx. have been touring the film festival circuit across the U.S. and Canada. Hopinkah was recently honored with the Most Promising Filmmaker Award at the Ann Arbor Film Festival.

The Ann Arbor Film Festival was held on March 15 to 20, 2016 in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the Michigan Theatre. The festival is the oldest experimental film festival and third oldest film festival in the U.S.

May

Ho-Chunk Nation remembers fallen warriors at flag raising

As summer and Memorial Day fast approach, the Ho-Chunk Nation remembers fallen warriors at flag raising event held on May 23, 2016 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Each Monday at the Tribal Office Building, employees gather at the front entrance to witness the flag raising ceremony while singers sing the Ho-Chunk flag song and veterans hoist flags for the work week.

Ho-Chunk Nation hosts ‘Share the Care Cancer Conference’

Most everyone has been touched by cancer in one way or another, whether a family member or friend, or a personal account of having cancer.

That’s why it’s important people with the concern of cancer receive information about cancer and support to get through the difficult times.

To meet that need, the Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored the 13th Annual Share the Care Cancer Conference on Tuesday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 17, at the Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells.

The Ho-Chunk Nation was the original sponsor of the event as well, having started the conference in 2003.

Community members come together to begin organic gardens

Some people say spring is a time for new growth, a renewing of energy, spirit and mind.

It is a time to sow new seeds, not only to grow items to sustain the body, but also the community.

To that end, Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development (HHCDA) has combined efforts with the Ho-Chunk Health Department to begin a community garden project in the Sandpillow community in Black River Falls.

Members of the community gathered on Thursday, May 5, to assemble wooden frames for each bed, measured out the correct spacing between the beds, then lined them up neatly along the lawn area between the elder housing and the roadway.

Earth Day observance keys on nature, wildlife and preserving the cultural aspects

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated each year on the Vernal Equinox, April 22, on which events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

This year, the annual Earth Day observance at the Tribal Office Building was



Hoocak Academy Pathway Program graduates along with Pathway Program Manager Angelica Greendeer celebrate their class completion at the House of Wellness.

held on Tuesday, April 26, and had a new attraction this year, thanks to the efforts of Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Forester Mark Gawron.

Gawron obtained a black ash log, soaked in water prior to the event, and then made it available for the observance. Participants then volunteered to take turns pounding and stripping the log for basket-making material.

June

Playing their cards right in the game of life

Ho-Chunk kids spent a day at the crossroads of childhood and adulthood during the annual Financial Frenzy vs. Game of Life event held at Ho-Chunk Gaming in Nekoosa, June 22.

Children of all ages participated in an exercise of adult responsibilities. Organizers gave each child a check and a ledger while they navigated a series of tables and stands representing jobs, banks, colleges, healthcare, the military and other functions of life.

Tena Quakenbush, program manager at Family Services Program, said the day-long event is invaluable for Ho-Chunk children to make the right decisions when they go out into the world.

Native Presence Art Gallery opens in Wisconsin Dells

On Saturday, June 11, 2016, the Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) opened its Native Presence Art Gallery in Wisconsin Dells. The gallery featured the art of Ho-Chunk tribal member, Chris Sweet.

LEAF founder and director, Melanie Sainz, started her non-profit foundation to preserve and promote American Indian art and artists in 2013.

LEAF’s goals are to serve as an incubator for new and emerging native artists; maintain a gallery, gift shop, café, and public programs that promote native art excellence; to build a native art community through access to art; and develop a model for success to be shared with other native communities. The gallery opening hit on all four of their goals.

Expansion of Health Clinic to increase pharmacy business

An expansion of the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Care Clinic building has begun, set to offer more room for divisions and programs, but most importantly the pharmacy.

The process began about mid-May and is projected to be completed by the end of the year.

“It’s going to be able to provide expanded pharmacy services,”

said Rob Voss, Sanitarian for the Nation, who will be moving into the Environmental Health Director position when Carol Rollins retires this summer. “The pharmacy has the potential to serve more clients and generate more revenue.”

The total cost of the expansion project is approximately \$2 million, Voss said.



The foundation walls are up, the ground leveled, and the plumbing and electrical in place. The cement will be poured soon, setting the stage for the new addition project to be completed by the first of the year.

Youth gather to recapture their roots

Kids surrendered their cellphones and spent a week immersed in nature, Ho-Chunk culture and each other’s company during the Recapture Our Roots Youth Camp 2016, June 13 to 17 at North Wood County Park, near Arpin.

Roughly 64 Ho-Chunk students, ranging from sixth graders to high school seniors, participated in a number of activities that emphasized traditional practices, which included everything from lessons in the Ho-Chunk language to the game of lacrosse to dress making, among other events.

Supreme Court Justice looks at success of court transfer process

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Mike Gableman made an appearance to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court on June 9.

The Chief Justice appointed him to be the liaison between the Wisconsin State Court system and the tribal courts. Also present was Chief Judge Eugene White-Fish of the Forest County Potawatomi.

“I’m visiting all the tribes in the state,” Gableman said. “My first purpose is to become familiar with the people who run the administration – the staff and participants – in the court system so I can gain familiarity with the process each of the tribal courts use.”

July

The Ho-Chunk Nation sends aid to northern neighbors

“I lost my tent – I was camping when it happened.” Greg Dashner said on Monday, July 18 after a series of severe thunderstorms moved through northern Wisconsin resulting in more than \$30 million in damages, according to the Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center.

Governor Walker declared a State of Emergency for Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer and Washburn counties on Tuesday, July 12, due to flash flooding, power outages and heavy damage to the area’s roads and bridges.

Dashner, a resident of the Bad River Indian Reservation, located in Ashland and Iron counties,



Bad River Indian Reservation residence wait patiently to help transport cases of water into the community building.

has received a great amount of help from the surrounding area communities and various neighboring tribal communities.

Nation’s youth athletes compete at the North American Indigenous Games tryouts

American Indian tribes produce some of the state’s best youth athletes. Everyone in Wisconsin knows this. Over the last month and a half, coaches have been searching for the best of these Native American athletes to represent Team Wisconsin in the 2017 North American Indigenous Games. The tryouts began on June 25 in Menominee, WI, and finished on July 30 in the Green Bay area. The list of events in which participants competed includes many different sports – such as basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, track and field, softball, baseball, golf, wrestling, soccer, swimming, and even 3D archery.

Scholar plans to return to Paris for her second year of studies

Destiny Jones has seen the bright lights of Paris and she’s made the city her new home. She’s studying there again this year as a sophomore, having spent last school year there as well, and enjoying every minute of it. She will soon be departing from Minneapolis for Paris, starting the new school year on September 5. Destiny is the daughter of Tracey and Toby Jones, Minneapolis, and granddaughter of JoAnn Jones, Black River Falls.

Census last-ditch effort begins with field workers knocking on doors

The Ho-Chunk Nation Census Project has moved into its final stages of completion. They’re on the last leg of census information gathering and they’re giving on final, concentrated push. In that last-ditch effort, census field workers are knocking on doors and asking residents questions needed for the census. “This last push of the Census project will continue until August 5, then we will wait for the data to be compiled and sent back to us,” said Angie McDonald of the Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Department.

August

Ho-Chunk Nation moves forward with major enterprise renovations

Bigger, brighter gaming experiences for guests are on the horizon for the Ho-Chunk Nation’s casinos and hotels in Black River falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Wittenberg. On Tuesday, August 16, press release was issued by the Office of the President, stating that renovation and expansion projects to three Ho-Chunk Nation casinos is slated to begin in September. “We took a hard look at what’s going to create the biggest return and Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Wittenberg had shown that and with the funding that was allocated these were the choices.” said Robert Reider, senior marketing manager of the Business Department.

Greendeer walks the line for the environment

On June 8, Ho-Chunk tribal member Bill Greendeer and Viterbo University’s environmental science teacher Juliee de la Terre kicked off a month-long event to raise awareness of an impending Enbridge pipeline which would traverse the entire state of Wisconsin. The next day, on June 9, the two activists set out from Walworth County on a walk that started at the southern border of Wisconsin and continued north across the state to Superior. The walk followed the projected route of the pipeline, which would carry dangerous tar sands through many of the state’s natural areas.



Environmental activists show support for the walk to raise awareness.

Veterans of the Ho-Chunk Nation receive recognition at Operation Badger Base

Military veterans deserve respect and recognition. Last weekend, at Operation Badger Base, they received just that. The four-day event took place in Madison, from August 11 to August 14, on tribal grounds next to the casino. “Operation Badger Base was put together by four veterans who wanted to do something,” said Steering Committee Member Chan Voltz. “Back about three years ago, they had a dream of bringing the Vietnam traveling wall to Madison.” The wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells hosts the annual 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association Reunion

“This is my very first reunion of my whole life, and I’m glad I’m spending it with the two-four.” Robert Mann said, as he opened his speech Saturday evening, at the annual banquet held on the last night of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association Reunion. Wednesday, July 27 through Sunday, July 31, more than 45 veterans, from across the country, and their families checked in and confirmed their registration at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells for the reunion. “We have an annual reunion that’s made up of anyone who was ever attached or assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines since we started as a battalion in 1911,” 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines President Brooks Wilson said “We have members from all over the country – we have close to 500.”

A community mural signifies the unity of people made real by Chief Ahuchoga

Little hands wave brushes back and forth as bright colors dance across the canvases. The busy hands, along with smiling faces, paints a story of how the newer generation invests in the hopes and dreams of the past. The scene was made possible from the children of the Nekoosa Youth and Learning Center, who traveled to Reedsburg on Wednesday, August 17, and painted the imagery on plywood panel murals to be displayed on a former hardware store building in the city as a reminder of the legacy of Chief Ahuchoga.

September

GCA ousted, President Cleveland remains, with decisions at General Council

Twelve resolutions were positioned for action for the General Council, with the first and last resolution, like bookends, bringing forward the most contentious issues. General Council was held on Saturday, September 17, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, with Gerald Cleveland voted to the chairperson position. The first resolution, presented by Michelle DeCora, called for the dissolving of the General Council Agency (GCA) and the last asked for the removal of Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland, which was presented by Jeremy Rockman. The first resolution passed by a 1,068 vote. The last resolution failed 405 in favor and 1,386 against.

Ho-Chunk Nation Plaza crowned at Camp Randall Stadium at UW-Madison

A sign at Camp Randall Stadium is symbolic of a new partnership between the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Ho-Chunk members and government officials and university officials gathered on Friday, September 9, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the naming of the gate and plaza. “This is our homeland, a very sacred place where this city of Madison sits,” said Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland during the ceremony. “We have a lot of sacred lands in this area here. It’s good that we can make a partnership such as this, going into our future for the sake of our future generations that good things like this will continue to happen.”



President Wilfrid Cleveland and Ho-Chunk members and local residents gather around University of Wisconsin – Madison Athletic Director Barry Alvarez within the new Ho-Chunk Nation Plaza gate at Camp Randall.

Casino and hotel expansion project kicked off with groundbreaking ceremony

A groundbreaking ceremony at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls on Friday, September 23, marked the beginning of a new expansion project for both the casino and the hotel. Similar ceremonies had previously been held at Wittenberg and Wisconsin Dells casino locations. The Black River Falls location will expand to a 120-room hotel with a new entry, a bigger and redesigned casino floor with 200 more slot machines, high-limit gaming tables, a remodeled buffet with more seating and a bigger parking lot. The projects at Black River Falls, Wittenberg and Wisconsin Dells is planned to be completed by the end of 2017.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Stands with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

The Ho-Chunk Nation has offered support to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe with the opposition of the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The pipeline would transport crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois and it would travel under the Missouri River. It would be located very close to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe filed an injunction against the Army Corps of Engineers to halt the approval process and construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

On August 19, 2016 the Ho-Chunk Nation sent a letter of support to the Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. On August 23, 2015 the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed a resolution to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

First step taken to establish new District One Community Center

A new District One Community Center is on its way to finally becoming reality. Ho-Chunk Nation officials broke ground for its construction on Friday, September 2, on its intended grounds in the new Wazee subdivision near the Mission area in Black River Falls. Plans for a new center



First step taken to establish new District One Community Center

had been discussed for years, but now the final go ahead has been given. Now the funding for the construction has been approved.

The \$15 million facility will be the primary base for Ho-Chunk Youth Services, which has been at the former bingo hall in Sandpillow since the 1990s. It also will have room for public activities, such a wakes and funerals, which now postpone or cancel youth activities at the present facility because of a lack of space.

October

HCN Department of Education launches the new Financial Literacy Course

The Ho-Chunk Nation’s legislature recently revised the ordinance regarding per-capita distribution. Due to that revision, the ordinance now includes a requirement for tribal members to partake in an online financial-literacy course before being able to collect their trust fund money.

To discuss the changes, the Department of Education held a launch of the literacy course in the tribal office building on October 13. Along with many others, representatives from the department helped create the course so that it will be of help to the Nation’s youth.

New facility to enhance Nekoosa Health Office staff and services

The Nekoosa area has a big, bright new building to call its own, offering services to keep Ho-Chunk community members in good health, both physically and mentally.

The new Nekoosa Health Office is open for business, having been constructed this summer, with the staff moving in to the facility at the end of August.

“The Central Wisconsin community of Cex ha cii is at the ‘Heart of the Ho-chunk Nation,’ said Department of Health Director Ona Garvin. “The Ho-Chunk people residing in that area have needed a facility where they can receive health care and be the number one priority for service.”

Funds approved for Twelve Clans to begin business investments, opportunities

Twelve Clans Inc. is off and running.

It received the boost they needed to get going on Tuesday, Oct. 18, when the Ho-Chunk Legislature approved an investment of \$95 million to invest for the future of the Nation.

The commitment is \$20 million for the first year and \$15 million for each of the next five years.

Twelve Clans Inc. is the first product of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s pursuit of separating business from government. The concept of Twelve Clans has been in progress and it is intended to diversify the revenue stream outside of gaming.



Jessika Greendeer, Army veteran, and Tasheena Cloud, Navy veteran, standing for their rights as native women veterans to continue to raise and carry flags.

Ho-Chunk Nation women veterans seek to continue flag raising and carrying rights through Traditional Court

On Monday, October 24, the Ho-Chunk Nation Traditional Court heard from a group of Ho-Chunk Nation women veterans about their continued flag raising and carrying rights.

Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Advisory Board chairperson Tasheena Cloud and Tribal Veterans Service Officer Margaret Garvin organized the group of women veterans to appear before the Traditional Court.

“With respect for my women relatives, my mom, cuwis, and daughters, I think about those kinds of rights. I was told that women shouldn’t carry the eagle staff,” Paul Cloud said.

Study committee helps legislators draft bill to revise law concerning mound preservation

As guardians of our past, we must protect the things that remain sacred to us. And those in the Native American community hold burial mounds very sacred. So to preserve the sanctity of these holy grounds, the Wisconsin Legislative Council’s study committee on the preservation of burial sites met in Madison on October 5 to discuss possible statute changes that would address issues with the present law.

“The study committee is charged with evaluating current law,” said the committee chair, Representative Amy Loudenberg. “And we have kind of keyed in on certain areas that we think are worth looking at deeper.”

November

Price honored with ‘Rising Stars Under 40 award’

Collin Price always strives for excellence, both at his profession and with his own business.

For that excellence, Price was recently was honored with an award for his drive to go beyond what is required.

Price, public relations manager of the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President, accepted the Rising Stars Under 40 distinction at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 16, in La Crosse.

Price was one of 19 emerging leaders to earn the honor this year, selected from hundreds of applicants.

Echoes of the past: VA workers concerned with possible demolition of Tomah Indian School buildings

There are stories of spirits roaming the rooms of the former Tomah Indian School.

Some people suggest they are the former residents of the school. People who have worked there have reported hearing voices, and even seeing a little native girl.

Whether or not those reports are true, there are many stories about the former Tomah Indian School. But the latest story is how some of those buildings may be coming down.

Under consideration for demolition are Building 25, the former boiler room,

and the former hospital, on Veterans Administration Medical Center grounds.

“Management wants to demolish the buildings,” said Lin Ellinhuysen, president of AFGE Local 0007, who has an office in Building 25.

Winona ‘No DAPL’ demonstration takes to the streets, Mississippi bridge

A crowd of about 200 people gathered in Winona on Tuesday, Nov. 15, to make their voices heard about their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and support for the Water Protectors.

It was just one component of the #NoDAPL movement’s National Day of Action. Similar rallies took place in 300 communities across the country, including one in front of the White House in Washington D.C.

Not too far down the Mississippi River, another rally in La Crescent, MN, drew a crowd of more than 60 people outside the local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office, united by their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline.



Rally participants walk over the new bridge across the Mississippi River to demonstrate their displeasure of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Their chants of “Water is Life” and “Mni Wiconi” and signs inspired passersby to shout and honk their horns in solidarity.

World War II veterans honored for their service at ceremony

The Andrew Blackhawk Unit 129 Ladies Auxiliary hosted a veterans ceremony honoring World War II veterans on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Andrew Blackhawk Post Legion Hall in Black River Falls.

Auxiliary member Cecelia Kraus welcomed guests to the program. “Many of our veterans came home from the war, but an internal war continued,” she said. “These men came from different cities – even the Mission. I can’t fathom what they have seen and what they have endured. We need to support them, even if it is just talking to them and listening to them and spending time with them.”

Honored were Ruben Hall, Lawrence Thundercloud, Harry Whitehorse and Walter Whitehorse.

December

Ho-Chunk Nation veterans join Veterans for Standing Rock

On December 4 to 7, 2016, a group of Ho-Chunk Nation veterans joined Veterans for Standing Rock to stand on the front lines for opposition of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). The \$3.8 billion pipeline has been opposed by the Standing Rock Sioux tribe of North Dakota because an eventual leak would contaminate drinking water for millions of Americans.



Ho-Chunk Nation camp at Oceti Sakowin camp in Cannonball, North Dakota during a December 5 blizzard.

The Facebook group Veterans for Standing Rock organized 2,000 native and non-native US military veterans to convene at Standing Rock to protect the water protectors from Morton County Sheriff’s Department, North Dakota state police, other state police, and private security contractors’ aggressive tactics.

Native actors provide own brand of humor in Menominee College plays

When the actors in the productions of N.A.P.S. and Shinnob Jep took center stage, it wasn’t about the accolades they might receive.

It was more about connecting with the Native American culture and sharing a few laughs that they know best about.

Two plays, N.A.P.S. and Shinnob Jep, were performed on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the College of Menominee College in Keshena. A second performance was offered on Friday, Dec. 9, at the Norbert Hill Center in Oneida.

One of the main actors in Shinnob Jep was Jamie Funmaker, a Ho-Chunk member who is attending classes at the college, who played Al Treebark, a role that resembles Alex Trebek on the show Jeopardy.

Ho-Chunk Honored with Official “Ho-Chunk Day” in the City of Madison

Mayor Paul Soglin and the Madison Common Council voted unanimously and affirmed and proclaimed a day in honor of the Ho-Chunk people. Now through perpetuity, the fourth Friday in November is officially “Ho-Chunk Day” in the City of Madison. This day will be concurrent to “Ho-Chunk Day” in the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Alder Denise DeMarb, District 16, worked with the city and Ho-Chunk representatives in Madison over the past couple of months to bring this good thought to a realization.

NOTICE AND RULES OF
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

(1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e, above.

(2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates) tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election.

(3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

THE FOLLOWING
TERMS OF FOUR (4)
YEARS WILL BE
VACANT:

- Legislature
District 1:
July 2017 – June 2021
Seat 1
Seat 3
- District 2:
July 2017 – June 2021
Seat 2
Seat 3
- District 3:
July 2017 – June 2021
Seat 2
- District 5:
July 2017 – June 2021
Seat 1
Seat 3
Seat 4
- Associate Justice 1
Four (4) Year Term
July 2017 – June 2021

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office will submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 Filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION BOARD. To be eligible for Legislative Office, candidates must comply with 8a.iii of the Election Code which states, "...candidates have resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring her/his candidacy...Residency is defined as the permanent physical address stated on the periodic Address Verification Forms.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Board Code Sec. 11 (c)*.

REGISTRATION:
Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

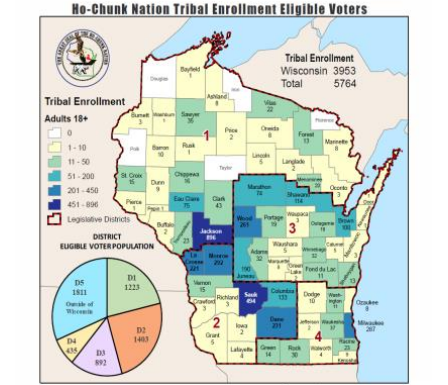
The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii , (Deadline Thursday, February 16, 2017).

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Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING:
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Saturday, February 25, 2017 by 4:00 P.M. See *Election Board Code, section 13(a), i*
Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts. District 5 all areas outside the state of Wisconsin



Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:
The Election Board will certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:
Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:
There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, December 5, 2016

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Monday, February 6, 2017

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Thursday, February 16, 2017

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Saturday, February 25, 2017
4:00 PM

GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

POLLING PLACES:

OPEN AT 8:00 A.M
AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI.
HHCDA
W8813 Mission Road
715/299-6104
- TOMAH, WI
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
358 EOS ROAD
608/372-4547
- LACROSSE, WI.
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 MAIN STREET
608/783-6025
- BARABOO, WI.
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
608/355-1254
- WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI.
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
715/886-5444
- WITTENBERG, WI.
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNLINE ROAD
715/253-3536
- CHICAGO, IL.
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
773/202-8433
- MILWAUKEE, WI.
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE
414/747-8680
- MINNEAPOLIS/ ST PAUL,MN
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE
1724 Selby Ave
651/641-1801
- MADISON, WI.
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
608/277-9964
- WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.
INDIAN HEIGHTS BLDG.
N957 Dyer Avenue
715/299-6104
- GREEN BAY, WI.
BRANCH OFFICE
1047 9TH STREET
920/490-2774

Community Forestry on Ho-Chunk lands

Submitted by Greg Blick, Ho-Chunk Nation Community Forester

Trees are one of nature’s greatest gifts. They clean the air, provide food for people and animals, stabilize the soil, provide shade from the blazing summer sun, block the frosty winter wind, lend shelter to animals, provide building and artistic materials for people, connect us spiritually to this Earth and are just darned pretty to look at. It is nearly impossible to think anything bad about a tree. That is, until it smashes through your roof and shatters your living room and everything in it on a stormy August night. When that happens a tree hugger can quickly become a tree hater.

The Ho-Chunk Community Forestry Program’s role is to maximize the number of Ho-Chunk tree huggers and minimize the tree haters by making sure that the trees in our housing communities and in public areas are safe and healthy. Its other job is to make sure that the benefits provided by trees are growing while the risks trees pose are as small as possible.

The Ho-Chunk Community forestry program is part of the Ho-Chunk DNR. Greg Blick, the Community Forester, dedicates all of his time and effort to the program’s mission. Greg has been working for the HCN DNR since August of 2015. He is a graduate of University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point’s world renowned urban forestry program and is a certified arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture. He is assisted by everybody else in the department, but Jerry Jones, Lance Blackdeer, Reiss Blackhawk and Paul Youngthunder have spent the most time dedicated to tree related issues.

Since August of 2015, the primary focus of the Community Forestry program has been risk management. Trees diseases, extreme weather and damage from lawn-mowing and other human activities have taken a toll on the health of many trees in the community. Also, in the past there was no one program that had community trees as their main concern. As a result, there were a fair number of dead, dying or otherwise dangerous trees around homes, schools, playground and other community areas. The first step in reducing risk is to find the risky trees.

In the past the HCN DNR has relied on tribal members to notify them of dangerous trees. Now the community forester goes into the communities and looks for dangerous trees. So far complete surveys have occurred in the Mission, Joe Wolf and Sand Pillow neighborhoods. Some tribal members may remember a strange bearded man with glasses staring at the trees in their back yard sometime in the fall of 2015. He was looking for signs of trunk decay and dead limbs in the trees. This winter there

are plans to do the same in Wittenberg, Indian Heights, Ho-Chunk Village, and Christmas Mountain areas. It is not possible for the HCN DNR to survey trees on allotments since they are so spread out, but DNR staff are happy to come look at the trees around tribal member’s homes in most situations. Just give them a call.

Once a risky tree has been identified the Community Forester must decide on the best way to reduce the risk. This is usually done in one of two ways. Either the dangerous tree part can be pruned off, or the tree can be taken down completely. So far, the Community Forestry program has concentrated on taking down trees, since the vast majority of the most dangerous trees have been dead or dying anyway. Since August 2015 the HCN DNR have taken down about 275 dangerous trees. In general, they will limb the downed trees and cut the trees into firewood-sized chunks. In many cases they will chip the brush, as well. At the moment the resources to move wood or grind stumps are not available. In most cases the people who live at the home where the tree was standing are allowed to do with the wood as they want.

In the past year the Community Forestry program has been hard at work increasing the tree cutting and pruning skill level of HCN DNR workers. There have been five full days of climbing arborist training led by Aaron Schauer, one of the top climbing arborist in the state. He has taught staff members how to use ropes, blocks, pulleys, in-tree chainsaws and friction devices to safely take down trees in confined and dangerous spaces. Basically, they have learned how to take down a tree from the top down, instead of the more common way of cutting it from the ground.

Learning tree climbing is saving money the Nation might spend on tree removal contractors. Difficult trees can cost more than \$1000 to remove. So far, the HCN DNR has taken down at least 20 trees which required the skills which were learned during the arborist training sessions. In addition to saving the Nation money, Ho-Chunk tribal members have been learning a job skill which earns \$20 an hour or more in private industry.

Of course, taking down trees can get depressing. Although trees are removed for safety reasons, each removal means less shade, less green and the loss of a friend. Tree planting is as big a part of the mission of the Community Forestry program as tree removal is. In the spring of 2016 over 40 fruit and shade trees were planted at Nation TAUs as part of a \$5000 Wisconsin State urban forestry grant. An additional 25 trees were planted in the Wittenberg area as part of a planting project headed up by tribal member Clint Beversdorf who was assisted by the HCN DNR.



Community forester Greg Blick topping out a tree which threatened the power lines at Berna Hindlsey’s home in Merrillan.

The HCN DNR was awarded \$24,000 by the Wisconsin State DNR for use in 2017. The HCN Community Forestry program will use that money to plant new trees at the Pow Wow grounds, to expand the fruit orchards begun last year at the TAUs, and to begin planting trees in the yards of tribal members. It is hoped that over 300 trees and shrubs can be planted in the spring of 2017 to start making up for the trees the HCN DNR has had to cut. More information will come in early 2017 with details on how you can get a tree to plant in your yard. As the backlog of dangerous trees is reduced, tree planting will increasingly become the main focus of the Community Forestry program.

The Community Forestry program also provides educational services through the Earth Partnership and at events such as Earth day. They also will consult with any tribal members regarding their tree questions. Just call and ask. The Community Forestry Program is here to serve the entire Ho-Chunk Nation with their tree concerns. They want to help you be a tree hugger, not a tree hater!

CALL FOR ARTISTS: LEAF Fellows Program

Overview

The goal of the Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) Fellows program is to cultivate the careers of early-career American Indian/First Nations visual artists. LEAF Fellows must demonstrate a mastery in their visual art form(s) and display the drive and desire to become successful professional artists and entrepreneurs. As new and emerging Native artists, LEAF Fellows will work toward building the skills necessary to grow a sustainable art business and participate in cultural and arts-related projects that contribute to their community.

Application Process

The application process for the inaugural year of the LEAF Fellows program consists of a questionnaire and submission of digital images of art work. The deadline for application is January 30, 2017. The LEAF Fellows program is currently open to enrolled members of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin that are in the early phase of their art business career. As the program develops, Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) intends to expand this program to include emerging American Indian/First Nations artists from all of the 11 tribes of Wisconsin. LEAF Fellows applications will be evaluated based upon the level of mastery they have achieved in their creative practice as well as their capacity and desire for business success. The selection will be made by the LEAF Fellows Committee, comprised of master-level Native artists from across the state of Wisconsin.

Qualifications

- LEAF Fellow applicants must be:
- An enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, 18 years of age and older
 - A resident of the state of Wisconsin
 - Identified as a “new and emerging” visual artist with 1 - 5 years of showing their art in Native art and/or other sales venues such as markets and/or galleries

LEAF
Little Eagle Arts Foundation



- Able to commit time to training and education during March of 2017; a weekend training session will be offered in the Wisconsin Dells area
- Prepared to create a body of artwork and curate an exhibit at Native Presence Gallery, and to teach a workshop for adults or children during the summer, fall, or winter of the 2017 calendar year
- Able to participate as an exhibiting artist at the 2017 Woodland Indian Market in Green Bay, WI

Benefits

- LEAF Fellows will receive:
- Technical training and mentorship in respect to the successful development and launch of their creative business on topics such as gallery exhibition, enhancing their art for local and regional art markets, creating a business model, branding and marketing, and on-line sales
 - The one-on-one guidance of a LEAF mentor
 - A creative exhibition at Native Presence Gallery in Wisconsin Dells, WI
 - Promotion and visibility through Little Eagle Arts Foundation, including public relations and marketing devoted to the LEAF Fellows group as well as each individual LEAF Fellow, and visibility through the Foundation’s website and Facebook sites
 - A professional development stipend in the amount of \$750 to assist with the purchase of marketing materials, equipment, art supplies, etc.
 - Up to \$500 in expenses for travel, lodging, and registration for participation in the Woodland Indian Market in Green Bay, WI, June 30 - July 2.

Questions

For more information or to request an application for the LEAF Fellows program, please contact us at littleeaglearts@gmail.com or (608) 253-4142.



RE-ELECT TRICIA ZUNKER FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION SUPREME COURT PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

Fair; Neutral; Experienced; Compassionate; Committed

As Justice, I will remain committed to apply the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and the written laws of legislature, while recognizing and upholding the inherent customs and traditions of our People. I am insistent on protecting due process rights of each member, especially when those who own these rights are often without legal representation, or they are children or elders. I have served with fairness, diligence, courtesy and compassion since elected to this position in September 2013. Serving my People in this capacity has been my greatest professional honor. I will be deeply honored to serve the Nation in a second term as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and humbly request your vote on March 7, 2017.

Who I Am

I am an enrolled member of Ho-Chunk Nation and I am from Wausau, Wisconsin. I am Bear Clan. My Ho-Chunk name is Hinųk pii. My father is Timothy Radtke and Grandmother is Exilda Mary Rockman Stone. My Great-Grandparents are Grover Rockman and Bessie White Eagle Rockman. After earning a law degree at UCLA, I worked in Los Angeles as an attorney and law professor for many years. But I have since returned home to Wisconsin after my election to Associate Justice.

EDUCATION

- J.D. (law degree), UCLA School of Law
- B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, triple major in: 1) Political Science; 2) International Relations; and 3) French. Also earned a Certificate in European Studies.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Ho-Chunk Nation
- State Bar of California
- Ho-Chunk Nation Bar Association
- National Native American Bar Association (NNALSA)
- National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA)
- Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association (WTJA)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Associate Justice, Ho-Chunk Nation (Sept. 2013- Present)
- Attorney, Zunker Law Group; Law Firm Experience in Los Angeles
- Professor (Legal Writing; Constitutional Law), California School of Law (2007-present)
- Dean of Faculty, California School of Law (2013 -present)
- Professor (Criminal Law courses; Business Law and Ethics), Colorado State University-Global Campus (2011- present)
- Professor (Legal Writing), University of Maryland (2012 -present)
- Published Academic, Northwestern Interdisciplinary Law Review

The Role of a Justice (the Appellate Judge)

The justice must also be a neutral decision-maker and able to address the issue in front of her without prejudice. The appellate judge/justice must determine what errors of law occurred, if any, at the trial court level. Not all errors require reversal of a lower court opinion, however, and thus an appellate judge must understand the legal standard required to reverse and remand an opinion. The decisions of the appellate judge are extremely important. They are handed down in written opinions and cited in later cases and by trial court judges as the controlling law. Being able to write a clear and well-written opinion that accurately states the law, custom or tradition is a necessary quality.

What's the Difference Between Supreme Court and Trial Court?

Cases first must be filed and heard in the Trial Court (or before an administrative body first, if it is an administrative matter). Only after the case is exhausted at the lower tier of court (or in some cases, administrative body) can it be heard by the Supreme Court (with the exception of an interlocutory appeal) and the litigant must be sure to follow the rules and process for an appeal.

Vote Zunker on March, 7, 2017 for Associate Justice

It is vital to me that everyone is treated with dignity and respect which includes timely issuance of opinions. My work ethic allows me to fully consider issues in front of me and reflect thoroughly while also ensuring that matters are resolved in a timely manner. The court system is designed to answer the legal issues in front of it, not add additional stress to tribal members with undue delay in issuing opinions. In cases assigned to me, I have not issued a late order or decision. My pledge to you is my continued faithful and impartial performance of my duties as Associate Justice. I'm hardworking, ethical, and committed to preserving the Nation's customs and traditions while analyzing the law as a neutral decision-maker. I am experienced. I'm ready, willing and able to continue to serve our Nation and humbly requesting your vote. I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to those with whom I have worked in my capacity as Associate Justice, past and present, including: fellow Justices, Supreme Court Clerk, trial court judges, staff attorneys, Trial Court clerks, court administrator, and other court staff- thank you. I have enjoyed working with you all immensely and deeply appreciate the different roles filled by all.

Please vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2017

What an honor and a privilege to vote for our Nation's elected officials. As the People of the Big Voice, I encourage you to make your voice heard on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 or by requesting an absentee ballot. Your vote counts! I appreciate your consideration.

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The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation’s newsletter and on the Nation’s website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant’s name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States’ Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. **This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership.** EOPUB12302016

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
Adams-St. Sauver, Caleb James	7/22/2007	1/4	“Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah” Paul Spear (Charley) Smith 1901 #00581	Non Member	Desirae Lynn Adams
Boyd, Leah Jalyn	9/11/2008	3/4	“ Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah” George Winneshiek 1881 #00432	Tyrel Jason Boyd	Arielle Lynn Whitegull
Boyd, Jason Ari	8/19/2011	3/4	“ Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah” George Winneshiek 1881 #00432	Tyrel Jason Boyd	Arielle Lynn Whitegull
Boyd, Sheri Hayden	12/4/2012	3/4	“ Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah” George Winneshiek 1881 #00432	Tyrel Jason Boyd	Arielle Lynn Whitegull
Bush, Ezra William	1/20/2016	1/4	“Ma Shoo Kee Kah” aka Ezra Whitespirit 1901 #00944	Christopher Adam Bush	Non Member
Carrimon, Nora Loriane	4/7/2016	1/4	“Mau Kehj Cop Ray He Kah” George Greengrass 1881 #00277	Non Member	Valerie Miranda Carrimon
Decorah-Vasquez, Layla Maxxine	8/23/2004	1/4	“ Ma Cha Nakah” Jones J. Decorah 1901 #00430	Non Member	Kasia Jean Decorah
Downey, Winter Rose	12/13/2015	1/4	“Ma He No Gin Kah” Fred Kingswan 1901 #00975	Non Member	Augustus Gaius Downey
Funmaker, August Hoonch	12/13/2014	4/4	“Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah” George Funmaker 1881 #00328	Harrison Jasper Funmaker	Buffy Marie Garvin
Funmaker, Cailyn Grace	1/15/2016	3/8	“Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah” George Funmaker 1881 #00328	Derris Donald Funmaker	Non Member
Hernandez, Jordan Ray	3/13/2013	1/4	“No Ro Ho Kah” John Thompson Sr. 1901 #00631	Non Member	Kaitlin Ann Scholze
Little Soldier, Hunter Phoenix	5/28/2014	1/4	“Mau Jchay Mau Nee Kah” David Bow Trout-Littlesoldier 1881 #00474	Henry Jacob Littlesoldier Jr.	Non Member
Littlejohn, Atraedeis Thomas James	9/18/2015	91/128	“Ha Na Kah” Grant Green Littlejohn 1901 #00126	Heath Douglas Littlejohn	Allie Azalia Hopinkah
Littlejohn, Kai Ashton	11/29/2014	91/128	“Ha Na Kah” Grant Green Littlejohn 1901 #00126	Hunter Dean Littlejohn Sr.	Barbara Mae Kmetz
Murphy, Dominic Patrick	1/26/2016	1/4	“Ma Zhee Wee Kah” Moheek Thundercloud 1881 #00149	Winston Andrew Rave	Non Member
Rose II, John, Jeffery Ray	7/29/2010	1/4	“Wa Con Cha Nee Gee Kah” Youngthunder 1811 #0090	John Jeffery Ray Rose	Non Member
Rose, Mckinzie, Nevaeh Mae	7/1/2009	1/4	“Wa Con Cha Nee Gee Kah” Youngthunder 1811 #0090	John Jeffery Ray Rose	Non Member
Smith, Kendalyn Yvonne	10/23/2013	129/256	“Ne Zhu Ah Me Nunk Kah” Peter Rockman 1901 #001112	Troy Daniel Wallace	Non Member
Stewart, Kage Douglas	6/16/2015	1/4	“Mon Mar Chua Naw Gee Car Ra Kaw” Luke Green 1881 #00104	Lawrence Lee Stewart	Non Member
Wauqua-Diaz, Danae Anntionette	7/31/1997	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL
Williams, Parrish John	11/10/2015	7/8	“Ha Na Kah” Mike White Eagle 1901 #0012	Williams Jr., Truman Howard	Joy Marie Snake
Winneshiek, Elias Anthony	5/19/2014	79/256	“Wau Kon Chaw Jhoo Noo Kah” Little Thunder Frank Winneshiek 1881 #00328	Damon Charles Winneshiek	Non Member
Zarate, Justina Jo	3/21/1980	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL
Zimmerman, Tristan Avery	1/2/2011	1/4	“Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah” George Funmaker 1881 #00328	Non Member	Autumn Marie Pine

<div>SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Mr. John and Bridget Morris, Defendant(s). Case : CV 16-25 TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Mr. John and Bridget Morris You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the <i>Complaint</i> is now served upon you by publication. Your written <i>Answer</i> to the <i>Complaint</i> must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this <i>Summons</i> in . <i>See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure</i>, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your <i>Answer</i> to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a <i>Certificate of Service</i>. Failure to file a timely <i>Answer</i> in the time allowed <i>can result in a default judgment being entered against you.</i> <i>Id.</i>, Rule 54. The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.</div>	<div>SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT New Cell, Inc. Cellcom, Petitioner, v. Myah Lea Decorah, Respondent. Case : CG 16-103 TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Myah Lea Decorah a/k/a Myah Long You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the <i>Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order</i> is now served upon you by publication. Your written <i>Answer</i> to the <i>Petition</i> must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this <i>Summons</i>. You may request a hearing within your written response. <i>See</i> RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your <i>Answer</i> to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely <i>Answer</i> in the time allowed <i>can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.</i> <i>Id.</i>, § 2.6c. The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.</div>
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Declaration of Candidacy Associate Justice of Supreme Court

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and can answer your questions pertaining to the Elections.

Election Board Members:

District 1

BRF: Martina LittleWolf-Falcon (Term ends Dec. 2016) Tina Brown (Term ends Dec. 2016)

District 2

Lacrosse:	Ethel Funmaker	Marsha Smith
Tomah:	Francis Decorah	Vacant
Baraboo:	Estelle Greendeer	Kimberly Crowley
Madison:	Cher Laubmeier	Judy Whitehorse

District 3

Wis. Dells:	Cynthia Tack	Joyce Warner (Term ends Dec. 2016)
Wis. Rapids	Barbara Smith	Dodie Topping (Term ends Dec. 2016)
Wittenberg	Gloria Visintin	CiCi Antone (Term ends Dec. 2016)
Green Bay	Mary Lopez	Dave Radtke

District 4

Milwaukee:	Benjamin Krause	Alexandria Lange
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District 5

Mpls. /St. Paul	Libby Fairchild	Rhonda Hunt
Chicago:	Karen Hopinkah Ramberg	Sharon Casillas

If you have any further questions please call the Election Board Office at 715.284.8900 or EB Chairperson, Myrna LittleWolf at 715.299.2096.

Good Luck!!



Are you a Tribal Farmer?

Submitted by ALAN R. JOHNSON
Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council in conjunction with its partner U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) encourages Native Americans to participate in the Census of Agriculture, which collects data from Native Americans producing agricultural products on Tribal or non-tribal land . Collected only once every five years the agricultural data provides tribal leaders, government officials, farmers, agribusinesses and others with data to help make informed decisions and allocate resources in Wisconsin. Individual Tribal farmers are asked to sign up for the census. The Census will gather information through February, 2017.

The USDA’s definition of a farm is \$1,000 or more a year of sales of agricultural products which include wild rice, fish, maple syrup, strawberries and other berries, small gardens (High Tunnels) and other traditional products. Census results help determine the effectiveness of existing conservation practices and what resources Tribal farmers may need to further protect the soil, water and related resources. The results guide USDA conservation policy and program development to budget for resources that help Tribes, conservationists, farmers and ranchers more efficiently and effectively conserve natural resources. The privacy of all respondents is safeguarded, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by Federal law.

To make sure that Wisconsin Tribal farmers are counted, farmers may call (888) 424-07828 or sign up at www.agcensus.usda.gov.

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : L.M.A., DOB 05/14/2002
Case : JV 16-26

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S):
Twilight Hindsley

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Child Protection Review Hearing* as required by HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.60a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **1:30 pm** on the **17th** day of **January, 2017** for the following purpose: *Child Protection Review Hearing*. Pursuant to HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.20g, parties have a right to legal counsel of their own choice and at their own expense.

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Notice of HHCDA Monthly Meeting

January 26th, 2017

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community
Development Agency (HUD Housing)

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze, John Dall, and Judy Whitehorse. Will meet on Thursday, January 26th, 2017, at 5:00 PM, at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on January 18th, 2017 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Alliance Collection Agencies, Inc., Plaintiff(s), v. Sheila Lousise Cleveland a/k/a Whiteeagle, Defendant(s).

Case : CG 16-102

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
Sheila Lousise Cleveland a/k/a/ Whiteeagle

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1) (f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Notice of Vacancy and Deadline
For District 2- Tomah
One (1) Election Board Alternate

District	Number of Election Board Delegate	Alternate
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District 2 Tomah: (2015 – 2017)		1
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TERMS: All Election Board members shall serve terms of two (2) years. Election Board members may serve more than one (1) term. The Alternate for District Two (2) will be serving out a term which will end December 2017.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for (1) Alternate member to represent at your Tomah District must be voted at your District monthly meeting in January 2016.

The District’s meeting minutes must include each District’s nomination for Election Board Member. The minutes must be presented or can fax will be acceptable to the Election Board office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, January 20, 2017

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
206 SOUT ROOSEVELT ROAD
P.O. BOX 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615

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HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation’s Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking three (3) qualified candidates to serve as a Committee member’s responsible for the oversight of the Nation’s investments.

Eligibility for an interview: Must be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications:

- ◆ *Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst*
- ◆ *An Associate’s or, preferably, a Bachelor’s degree in accounting, business or finance*
- ◆ *Possess a Financial Professional Certification: CFP,CFS, CFC, CIC, CIMA, CMT, and PFS.*
- ◆ *At least three years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another’s behalf*
- ◆ *Must be able to obtain a financial bond*

All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and criminal background check. Potential Committee members shall not be eligible for service if the criminal background check reveals a felony or any crime of dishonesty, including, but limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft, or deception in any form.

Qualified individuals must submit a letter of interest and extended resume by: January 31, 2017 to:



Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department
Attn: Anthony Falcon, Investment Officer
PO Box 640
Black River Falls, WI 54615
anthony.falcon@ho-chunk.com



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BRET MICHAELS
9:00PM - 10:15PM | UPPER DELLS BALLROOM

EDM SHOW
DJ Dan x Donald Glaude, Richard Vission
11:00PM - 1:00AM | UPPER DELLS BALLROOM

MADISON COUNTY
9:00PM - 1:00 AM | LOWER DELLS BALLROOM

COOKIE AND THE REAL DEAL!
8:00 PM - 1:00AM | GAMING FLOOR

33 DEGREES NORTH
8:30PM - 12:30AM | CASINO FLOOR

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